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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Attn: Security Group, Licensing Review Crystal Park 1, Room 401 Washington D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is to notify you, on behalf of the head of the agency who caused the secrecy order to be issued on the below identified patent application, that an affirmative determination has been made, on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, that the national interest requires that the following invention continue to be kept secret and that the grant of a patent continue to be withheld:

U.S. patent application serial number: 06/835665

Filed: 3 MAR 1986

Inventor: WILLIAM J. CHRISTOFF ET AL

Title: UNDERWATER ACOUSTIC GENERATOR etc.

Prosecuted by: () GOVT. () CONTRACTOR (X) UNKNOWN PARTY

Navy case number: None

The current secrecy order expiration date is: 12 OCT 2002. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy recommends that the secrecy order be renewed.

Sincerely,

INA G. GRIFFIN, By direction of

Chief of Naval Research